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Linda Peterson, newly hired Coordinator of Career Development and Counseling.

New Coordinator of Career Development and Counseling Hired

Avila has hired a new Coordinator of career development and counseling. On Monday, February 2 Linda Peterson took over that position.

"I hope to reach out to most of the students on campus to let them know of the wealth of information available to them in the Human Resource Center," says Linda. This information includes career development with resources available such as vocational testing, exercises and counseling to assess career goals and personal skills, tips on resume writing and interviewing skills, employer information and job listings, and workshops, seminars, and class lessons upon request. The other service provided in the Human Resources center is personal counseling. Available in this area are

personal, private, and confidential counseling, psychological testing, information on community support groups, workshops and special support groups upon request.

Linda was born and raised in southern California. She graduated from San Diego University with a Masters in Social Work. She has lived in Kansas City about a year and enjoys living in, "a four season environment." Her outside interests include teaching an aerobic class and she is actively training for some local triathlon events. Linda is also co-owner of a business called In-Balance Inc. In-Balance is a health resource that provides various health programs to employees in their workplace. Avila warmly welcomes Linda and hopes she enjoys her work here!

Forceful Dramas Coming Soon to the Avila Stage

By Jeff Barker

Avila drama students have been working on two performances that are scheduled within the next several weeks. The first is "Slow Dance On A Killing Ground", written by William Hanley. Directed by Garon Coale, this powerful drama deals with three troubled strangers who together share humor, compassion, and tenderness. Visiting artist Oscar Long stars as Glas, a former German soldier who is now a shopkeeper. Patrick Wood portrays Randall, who attempts to rob Glas's shop. Rosie, played by Alene Harris, enters the shop during the robbery, during which time the three people learn to be themselves. Justin Larson is stage manager for this production. Performances are scheduled February 20 and 21 at 8:00 p.m. in the Actors Laboratory Theatre, located on the ground floor of O'Reilly Hall. Admission is free, but due to the nature of the subject matter, parental guidance is suggested.

The second scheduled presentation is the classic play "Death of a Salesman", which will be directed by Charlene Gould. This drama deals with the last days of a failing salesman and his struggle to sort out his past life with his family. James Blackwood is the scenic designer for "Death of a Salesman", lighting director is Patti McGeary, and Patti Mudd is the stage manager. 8:00 p.m. performances are scheduled for February 26, 27, and 28, along with a March 1 performance at 2:00 p.m., all in the Goppert Theatre. Admission is \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and senior citizens.

Steer Dinner a Huge Success

by Mike McCollow

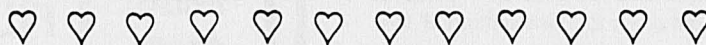
The American Royal Steer Dinner, held January 30 in the Marion Centre Cafeteria, was deemed a huge success and continues to be Avila's most popular and profitable fundraiser. According to Pat Martin, a member of the Dinner Committee, this was the most successful year ever, netting upwards of \$65,000.

The Steer Dinner started when a syndicate of benefactors, in 1977, purchased the American Royal Grand Champion Steer for the first dinner auction, with Claribel McLearn purchasing the first box of steaks with a bid of \$800.00. Since then the dinner has literally taken off

with prizes as far ranging as a champagne hot air balloon ride to a Spuds McKenzie party dog.

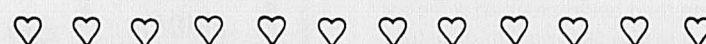
Some of the more interesting prizes that were bid on were a dinner entered by the Sisters of St. Joseph that was sold for \$900.00, 3 Avila mugs full of gold coins and lottery tickets that netted \$4800.00, and a "Name the Street" bid that entitles the winning bidder to name the street from Wornall to Sante Fe on the Avila campus. The street sign will bear the name of his choice until next years dinner.

All in all, it was once again a great night for everybody, with Avila coming out as the biggest winner.



Happy Valentine's Day!

From the Examiner Staff



Ring Day

Feb. 16 and 17 — Place your ring order these 2 days and receive a \$10 discount. Ring orders can be placed at any time of the year but the discount given on these 2 days only.

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From the files of the Residential Coordinator

Going through my files I found a large file containing residence hall handbooks from 1963 to the present. After reading through my many handbooks, I was slightly amused by the policies and rules that once existed. Below, I have included excerpts of these handbooks to share the history of residence hall living.

Can you imagine not being able to wear jeans on campus? Your parents being notified if you came back to the hall after 10 p.m.? Being charged fifty cents for a messy room? At one time, all of these rules were in effect for Avila students.

In 1963, you would have lived in Rossiter Hall, located at 2510 East Linwood Boulevard. A prefect (a sister) would have lived on each floor.

Your room will be checked frequently for orderliness and cleanliness. There is a fifty cent fine for a room that is not clean.

Crucifix and bulletin board are the only hung objects in your room.

Study period has been scheduled from 7:30-9:30 every night. Penalty for absence from your study desk and being late for study period is fifty cents. If

you leave your room during study period you wear soft-soled bedroom slippers.

No male guests are allowed at any time above the first floor of the residence hall.

Students are not permitted to go without breakfast.

In 1965, you would have lived in Carondelet Hall, on the new campus, located at 11901 Wornall Road.

Bermuda shorts, slacks and sweat shirts may be worn in the residence hall only. Jeans and cutoffs may never be worn.

For a fee of \$3, resident students may use the college car...

The hall is locked at 10 p.m. each evening. Under no circumstances does any student enter or leave or let anyone else in or out after that hour.

In 1968, the prefect was replaced by the resident assistant.

Each student contributes fifty cents to the residence council.

In 1969, the Resident Council formed and began to take an active

role in policy making for resident students.

Quiet hours begin every evening on all floors of the hall at 8:30 p.m.

Male guests are permitted in the recreation room until after 1:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and until 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Resident students are to be on campus by midnight Sundays through Thursdays and by 1:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

It is recommended that all students sleep with their bedroom door locked from the inside.

In 1971, both men and women lived on campus with an additional residence hall, referred to as the New Dorm.

Any student who is found drinking an alcoholic beverage...will be fined \$25.

Girls are requested not to wear curlers in the chapel.

In 1972...

...the presence of men on women's floors or women on men's floors at any time will

Apply Now for Financial Aid

By Sandra Campbell

Many people are guilty of waiting for years for their ship to come in only to find out that it had sunk somewhere on a faraway sea. Don't wait for your ship to dock, apply for financial aid.

Financial Aid packages for the 1987-88 academic year are available now in the Financial Aid office.

Don't think you qualify? You never know until you fill out and mail your application. So pick up your application today.

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Apply today!

Editorial Notebook: Fees, Fees and More Fees

I remember when I first started considering Avila as a possible college to finish my education. I got the college catalog and eagerly began to look through it. I quickly became aware of the fact that Avila had a lot to offer a student in my position. I was excited and impressed at what seemed like a real effort on the school's part to help students finish their education. (I'm still excited about that aspect of Avila.) Then I turned to the Admissions and Expenses part of the catalog. I knew that Avila was an expensive college, so the actual cost of tuition wasn't a surprise. What stood out in my mind was "Wow, there's a fee for everything." To this day, it still stands out in my mind, on this campus it is almost to the point where you have to pay a fee for paying a fee.

In the 1985-1987 catalog the list just for "Miscellaneous" fees is impressive. There's a \$20.00 application fee and a \$60 graduation fee, with an extra \$10.00 fee for filing graduation applications late. (You've heard the expression they got you coming and going?) There's a \$25.00 fee for going on a deferred payment plan and a \$15.00 fee if you're late with a payment. (Of course since most of us college students are loaded with bucks this doesn't apply. We can afford to pay for the whole year in one lump sum. No sweat.) There's a \$5.00 fee to have an incomplete grade changed to a letter grade

and a \$2.00 fee to replace a student I.D. card. Now these are only the Miscellaneous fees and don't include things like Lab fees, Student Activity fees, or housing fees.

Now obviously some of these fees are very appropriate. I think it's very reasonable that a fee be assessed to things such as late payments or late filing for graduation. I can understand the application fee and MAYBE even the graduation fee. I have trouble with the \$25.00 fee to go on the deferred payment plan, but I can live with it. I think it's ridiculous to charge \$5.00 to change an Incomplete grade - but it's only \$5.00. However, the fee that I find the most preposterous is the \$15.00 change of program fee. It actually cost \$15.00 to drop a class after the first week of the semester. I can't figure out what happens in the process of dropping a class that the student should have to compensate the school \$15.00. After all, it's the student that does all the work. The student is the one who takes it from office to office getting all the proper signatures on the drop form. Then they take the form back to the business office, someone tears the copies apart and says, "that'll be \$15.00." It just doesn't seem right that we (the students) are already paying extra money to come to a quality school like Avila and then being charged a fee for that seems like everytime we turn around.

The Faculty Corner

Report on Student Reflections on Vietnam

by Judy Ancel

Last semester in my recent America class we read and had much discussion on the Vietnam War. I happen to be a firm believer that history can teach us many lessons, especially about what not to do next time. My students and I argued about the lessons of Vietnam, if there were any, and whether they might be applicable to the world today.

Since exam time gives me an opportunity to see what sunk in, I asked them to write an essay on what they thought the lessons of the Vietnam War were. I am writing this summary of their answers in the hope of stimulating some discussion in the Examiner and on campus about U.S. politics and foreign policy.

1. Many students drew conclusions about the ability and the right of the U.S. to intervene in Asia. One saw Vietnam as mainly a national struggle, rather than a struggle of communism versus democracy and said we should have minded our own business. By interfering we pushed Vietnam into the Soviet camp. As a result, one student concluded, the U.S. is no longer looked at as the great helper in the world; rather foreigners look at us with some suspicion.

2. As to why we lost, one response pointed out the futility of supporting "corrupt leaders like Diem [one of the U.S. installed heads of South Vietnam.] You can't win when they don't have the support of the people." Another pointed to the difficulty of winning guerilla-type wars in which we just end up "kill

ing innocent people." The Russians are learning the same lesson in Afghanistan", she said. The U.S. military also provided some lessons: "The military learned that a conscription-based service will not function well if the society from which it is drawn does not support its aims and soldiers will not fight simply because they are ordered to."

3. On support for and opposition to the war at home, one cynic concluded that "the American people can be moved easily in almost any direction." But another had more faith, saying "changes can be made from the bottom up. That people can, properly organized, make a difference."

So what difference does all this make? Several students commented on the fact that the lessons of previous wars were there for U.S. leaders in the early sixties. The real lesson of Vietnam, according to one is that no historical parallels really applied, but another student disagreed, saying Vietnam taught us the same lessons we should have learned in Korea; that Americans won't stand for a prolonged war and the U.S. could not fight a land war in Asia and win. Why didn't we learn those lessons and avoid the agony of Vietnam? "We can't learn from our past", said one student, "The American people are too committed to recover our belief in the greatness of our nation" to accurately assess the past.

Today, many of our leaders are either trying to turn Vietnam into a

victory (with the help of films like 'Rambo') or conclude that we lost what President Reagan referred to as a "noble cause" because of a failure of will of the American people. Recently former President Nixon blamed Congress and the antiwar movement for the loss of a critical episode in the ongoing "Third World War" and concluded that America let victory slip through its fingers. In assessing such statements, we must remember that history is often made to serve the political interests of those in power. Our only defense against being misled is to learn it for ourselves.

1987 Yearbook Staff Selection

The following is a schedule of deadlines and important dates for students interested in being part of the yearbook staff next year.

February 16	Editorial staff applications available in office of student life.
March 20	Applications due back in the office of student life.
March 23-27	Interviews
March 30	Editorial staff selected
Spring of 1987	April 5-20 workshops and training sessions will be held. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.

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FILM - *Big Mouth and Hollywood or Bust*
9:00 p.m. - Marian Centre Lounge

FRIDAY

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FILM - *Omen* - 7:30 p.m.
Marian Centre Lounge

WEDNESDAY

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FILM - *3-D Stooges* - 9:00 p.m.
Marian Centre Lounge

FRIDAY

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FILM - *Willie Wonka* - 7:30 p.m.
Marian Centre Lounge

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Nursing Students have the Right Stuff

By Debby Amos

When I enrolled at Avila College for the first time two and a half years ago I had absolutely no idea what the future held in store for me. Four months prior to the '84 fall semester I had been a senior in high school in the Ozark town of Springfield, Missouri. Next thing I knew I found myself, with the aid of my mother, unpacked and settled into the dorms here at Avila. To this day I still laugh when I think I actually cried when my mom left for home, but what's even funnier was that I tried to stop this (my mom leaving) by hanging on to the bumper of her car.

After being dragged at a rapid speed for three blocks, I finally let go and returned to dorm room to face my future. There I took up the practice of sitting close to my door in order to catch a familiar face to dine with at dinner. Nothing was worse my freshman year than eating alone.

Two years later, I find it easy to laugh at my freshman uncertainties, but now I'm faced with something worse than scraped knees or eating alone...adapting to my friends' new junior schedules.

For the past two years, my friends have been fairly calm, easy-going individuals with not too many worries, but this year everything has changed. No longer are my friends able to stay up late, go out during the week, or skip class simply because the subject matter is too boring. Instead going to classes, clinicals, and doing research papers have become their main objective in life. For you see, my friends are mostly Avila's newest junior nursing students.

While I still partake in the earlier mentioned activities, they must continually learn about medicines, diseases and patient care by attending all of their classes. Most days, my friends have been at clinicals for two hours already before I even hit my snooze button for the first time, yet I still complain about getting up by 11:00 to go to lunch and then to class. I never once stop to think that my friends have been up since 5:00 that morning and won't be back until 4:00 or later that afternoon. Instead, I remain unhappy about the trivial matters that occur in my everyday life.

When all is said and done for me at Avila next year, I'll walk away with a degree that says I have the ability to write romance novels, while my friends will have the ability to save lives. Now, while I work to further my knowledge in the Communication field, my friends are learning how to keep dying patients comfortable for their remaining days or how to assist a doctor in surgery. Most importantly, they are dealing with real life trauma and will be for the rest of their careers. I, on the other hand, will hopefully enable people to escape from the real world for a few short hours with my books.

Of course, when this time comes I'll still probably complain about being stuck in front of a typewriter. But for now I just want to take this chance to thank the nursing students for all of their time and effort they have put toward nursing, but most importantly for helping me realize that not all stories will end/or can turn out with the sunset fading slowly on the horizon.

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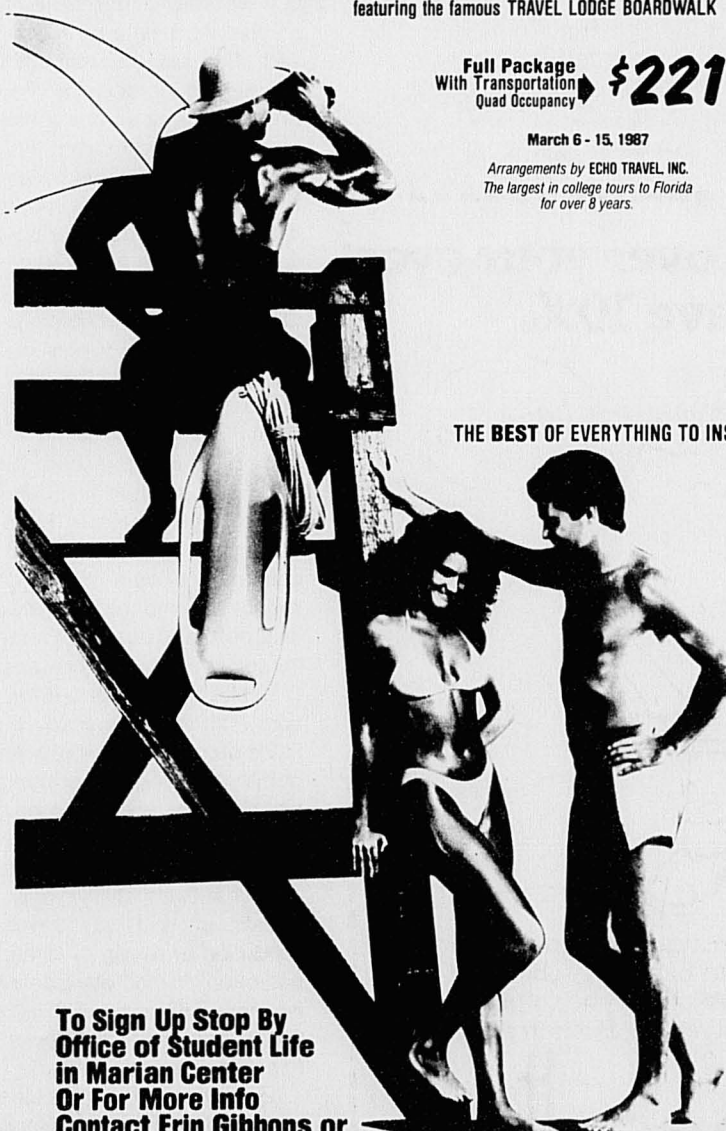
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From the Bench

By: Debby Amos

Now that pregame warm-ups are complete, the prayer and national anthem have been recited, and the starting line-ups for both teams have been announced, it's time for me to settle into my usual position for the start of yet another game. For the hour prior to the initial tip off I, along with my teammates, have been gearing for the game by stretching, running full-court lay-ups and listening to the pregame chat in the "red room". With it being time to start the game and as five of my teammates walk out onto the court, I head toward my regular starting position...the end of the bench...

Graping a drink of water, I chose the chair that seems most likely to be the most comfortable. For you see, some nights those paying the price of admission have the same view of the game as I do, so comfort becomes very important to me. Of course, more times than none, I'm able to partake in the actual contest but just in case my teammates aren't in need of my services, a place of comfort is crucial.

After the first few minutes of the game, I began my traditional search of the crowd in order to see who has come out to support the team. Of course, Sister Ann and Sister Rose Anthony are in their usual front row places. Usually one doesn't have to see Sister Ann to know that she is in the stands, some how you just sense and/or hear her presence.

Next, I notice the numerous par-

ents, brothers, sisters and boyfriends that are scattered throughout the bleachers. These, along with the die-hard regulars, comprise the Women's Basketball team's fan club. On a good night, this usually means around 15 - 20 people. More times than none, the visiting team brings more fans to cheer for them than the number of fans that cheer for Avila. What's sad is that it's our home court and they have louder fans. Of course, I realize that maybe it just seems like there are more of the other team's fans simply because they enjoy being louder than ours, but I honestly think that Avila fans, given the chance, can be even more supportive than they are at the moment.

After I complete my scan of the audience, I walk to the water container in order to stretch my legs and attempt to stay loosened up just in case my name is called to go to the scorer's table and check in. After getting another drink I return to my seat to watch and cheer for my team mates.

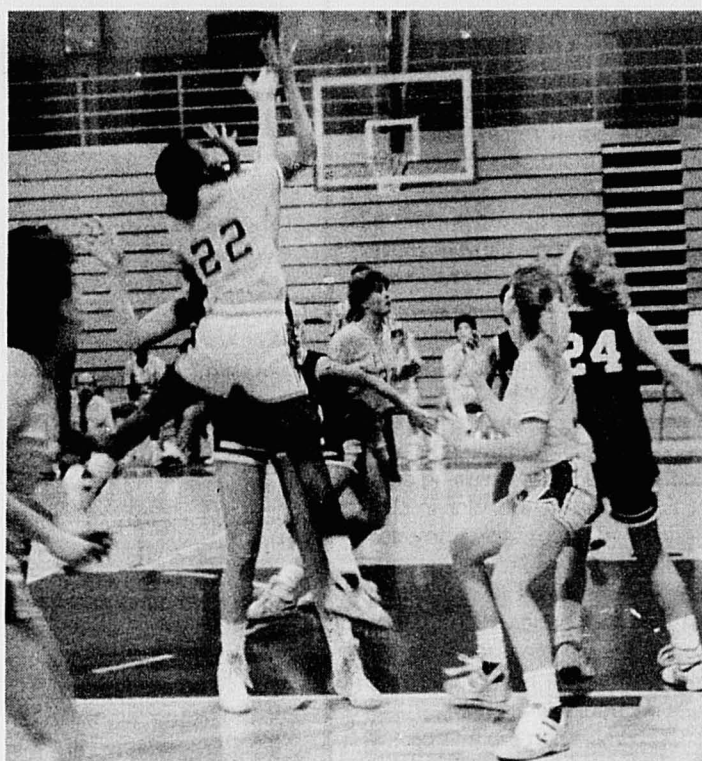
With the end of the first half, we once again head for the "red room" for the traditional half-time chat. Really what this does (halftime) is to give those that have given their all a chance to breath and those that have sat, a chance to stand.

With the start of the second half, I once again take to my position to watch the game. If my teammates have got the game well in hand, I'll probably get my turn on the floor

very soon. But if not, I'm not called upon unless Coach feels that in some way I can help out the situation.

As the game ends and I've scored my 32 points, pulled down 17 rebounds and handed out 12 assists in just 1:34 of playing time, I go out to thank the fans that have come out to support us. Although fans might be few and far between, those that are regulars mean a lot to the team and showing them that they are appreciated is very important.

Well, my fellow students here at Avila, tonight you actually have the chance to come out and prove to them that you can be loud. Tonight not only do we play our cross-town rivals, Rockhurst, but also we're celebrating the birth of one of the great founding fathers of our country, president Abe Lincoln. Of course, you can probably even wave to me across the gym: I'm the one with my tongue hanging out from all of the playing time that I have already received.



Freshman Jennifer Lee goes for two while Micki Shaw positions for a rebound.

Women's Basketball Schedule

Tue Nov 11—U.M.K.C.	Home 7:30
Sat Nov 15—Lindenwood	Away 5:30
Sun Nov 16—Fontbonne	Away 2:00
Wed Nov 19—Missouri Valley	Away 6:30
Sat Nov 22—Tarkio	Away 7:00
Mon Nov 24—M.A.N.C.	Home 7:30
Tue Nov 25—Central Methodist	Away 5:30
Thu Dec 4—Baker	Away 7:00
Sat Dec 6—Central Methodist	Home 3:00
Tue Dec 9—William Jewell	Home 7:30
Sat Dec 13—M.A.N.C.	Away 5:30
Sat Jan 10—Tarkio	Home 3:00
Mon Jan 12—Park	Home 7:30
Wed Jan 14—Benedictine	Away 5:30
Sat Jan 17—Evangel	Away 5:15
Tue Jan 20—Missouri Valley	Home 6:30
Fri Jan 23—Park	Away 7:30
Tue Jan 27—Missouri Western	Away 5:30
Fri Jan 30—Harris-Stowe	Home 7:30
Tue Feb 3—Baker	Home 7:30
Fri Feb 6—William Woods	Away 7:30
Sat Feb 7—Harris-Stowe	Away 3:00
Sun Feb 8—Fontbonne	Away 1:00
Wed Feb 11—William Woods	Home 7:30
Thu Feb 12—Rockhurst	Home 7:30
Sat Feb 14—Evangel	Home 5:15
Sun Feb 15—Lindenwood	Home 1:00
Tue Feb 17—William Jewell	Away 5:00
Fri Feb 20—Rockhurst	Away 5:15

Head Coach: Joel Zitron

Men's Basketball Schedule

Mon Nov 17—Mid-America	Home 7:30
Fri Nov 21—Mid-America Classic	Away 6:00
Sat Nov 22—Mid-America Classic	Away 6:00
Tue Nov 25—Park	Home 7:30
Thu Nov 27—Evangel Tourney	Away TBA
Fri Nov 28—Evangel Tourney	Away TBA
Sat Nov 30—Evangel Tourney	Away TBA
Tue Dec 2—William Jewell	Home 7:30
Sat Dec 6—Pittsburg State Univ	Away 7:30
Tue Dec 9—C.M.S.U.	Away 7:30
Sat Dec 13—Mid-America	Away 7:30
Sat Dec 20—Marymount	Home 7:30
Wed Jan 7—K.C. Tourney	Away TBA
Thu Jan 8—K.C. Tourney	Away TBA
Fri Jan 9—K.C. Tourney	Away TBA
Sat Jan 10—K.C. Tourney	Away TBA
Wed Jan 14—Benedictine	Away 7:30
Sat Jan 17—Evangel	Away 7:30
Sat Jan 24—Drury	Home 7:30
Tue Jan 27—Missouri Western	Away 7:30
Sat Jan 31—Rockhurst	Home 7:30
Wed Feb 4—Marymount	Away 7:30
Sat Feb 7—Drury	Away 7:30
Tue Feb 10—Park	Away 7:30
Sat Feb 14—Evangel	Home 7:30
Tue Feb 17—William Jewell	Away 7:30
Fri Feb 20—Rockhurst	Away 7:30
Tue Feb 24—Missouri Western	Home 7:30
Sat Feb 28—Benedictine	Home 7:30

Head Coach: Dennis Joyce

Lady Avalanche Battle for Playoff Spot

By Ken Dudzik

The Lady Avalanche basketball squad, coming off of a disappointing 80-50 loss at the hands of District 16 power Missouri Western on the road, bounced back by defeating Harris Stowe College of St. Louis 64-57. The victory improved the Avalanche record to 14-5 on the season.

The ladies are presently ranked eighth in the District 16 Dunkel ratings in which the top eight teams will make the playoffs. The Avalanche have nine games remaining on the regular season schedule including five against top ranked teams.

The Avalanche have been paced throughout the season by sophomore center Linda Frencher averaging 18 points and 10 rebounds per game. Frencher is hitting 50 percent of her shots from the floor this year and her strong inside play has been the key to numerous Avalanche victories. The Avalanche backcourt has also come through for coach Joel Zitron this season led by Arian Pendleton averaging 14 points a game and Diane McLaury averaging 12 points a game. McLaury, a sophomore, also leads the team in assists with 62 on the season.

The Lady Avalanche begin their final stretch for the playoffs with a three game road trip to St. Louis before returning home for four straight games including a February 12th meeting against cross-town rival Rockhurst, game time set for 7:30.

A Bittersweet Season for Houston and Dudzik

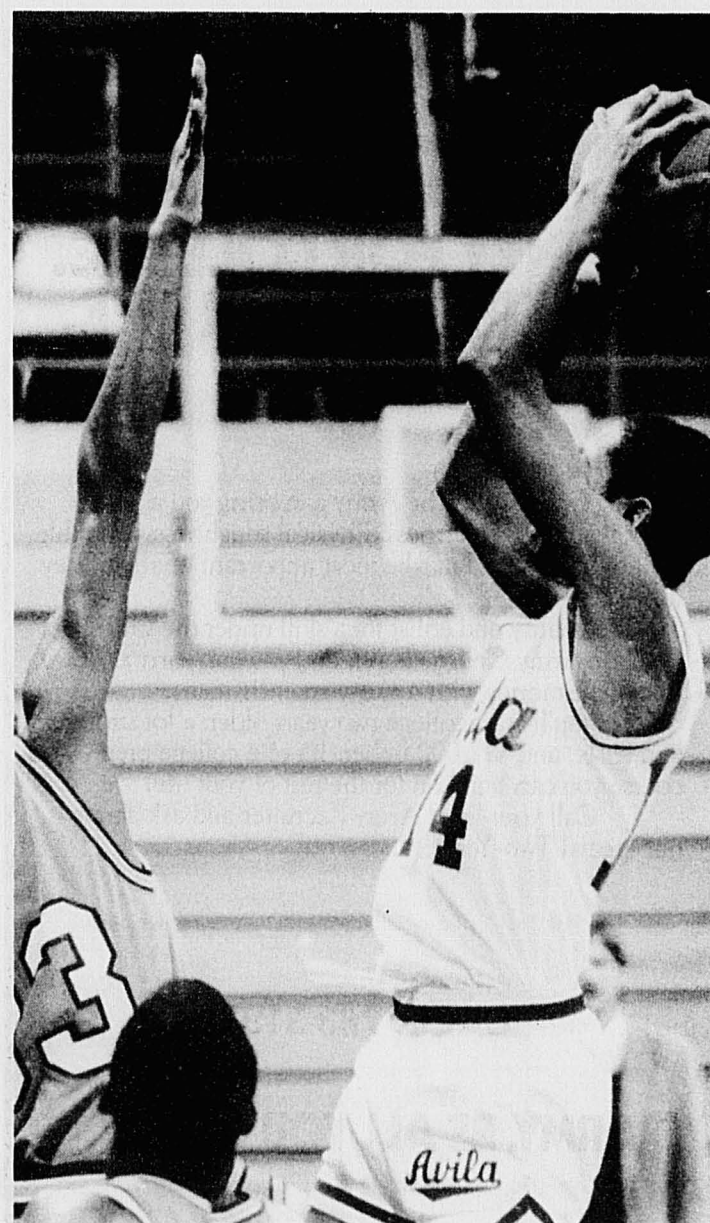
By Brian Smugala

Commenting on his teams efforts in recent games, Coach Dennis Joyce said, "It's obvious we're not having the best year, but it is important we keep a positive attitude, and build from there." Joyce also said, "All season the positive attitude has helped in accepting the bad breaks, the injuries, and sometime bad play." Joyce thinks that the positive attitude of his Oklahoma connection has been a big part of it. Kenny Dudzik and Chris Houston both juniors from Oklahoma, Kenny from Edmond and Chris from Oklahoma City, have been the definition of consistency all season. Dudzik designated as the shooting guard, has been deadly at three point range ever since the team's first tip-off in November. "Every coach should have the chance to have a player like Kenny. He is just as important to the team off the court as on. Super attitude and a relentless competitor." Joyce also lead on that Dudzik is averaging 15 points a game and six assists. Chris Houston's statistics show that hard work and a never say die attitude prove to be a worthy prerequisite. Houston is averaging 18 points a game, and eight rebounds. "Chris is a scrapper, sometimes unorthodoxed, but he is very successful with his style of play. His statistics prove it," says Joyce. He concluded by saying, "This season has been dismal, but I definitely feel these guys deserve the recognition. It has definitely been a bittersweet season for them."

Joyce has had a difficult time patching together lineups for each game. It started day one with new recruits transferring and eligibility

problems, then the inevitable injuries. However, Coach Joyce has two

reasons to look forward to next season: Dudzik and Houston.



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